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5. " Not all State enterprises and institutions have a medical clinic attached to their outfit, with the result that a group of enterprises may have to rely on the clinic attached to a larger enterprise or directly on the nearest Circa Sanitara.
6. " Should a worker in an enterprise have to stay in bed for one day and be unable to go to work, he has to get a friend or relative to notify the nearest Circa Sanitara of the city section to which he belongs and in which he resides. The relative or friend must stress that the sick person is a State employee or worker who is in possession of a Health Book [redacted] 50X1-HUM
7. " After the Circa Sanitara has been notified of the person's illness, it is rare that anyone is sent to examine him even by the third day. It is very rare that someone is sent to his home on the first day. The physician of the Circa Sanitara issues him a medical prescription and ascertains from the Health Book and Identification Card the true identity of the invalid. [redacted] the prescription is often issued without the physician having actually seen the patient. If the person is very seriously ill and needs hospitalization, hospital admission takes place only with the approval of the chief physician of the Circa Sanitara. A person must be extremely sick, perhaps needing an urgent operation, in order to be hospitalized. Otherwise, even if the person really needs hospital care, he is left at home and just issued the medical prescription. 50X1-HUM
8. "This medical prescription, however, does not entitle him to free medicine. Medicine and drugs can be obtained free of charge only when the patient is actually in a hospital.
9. " The physician of the Circa Sanitara informs the State enterprise of its employee's illness and of the approximate length of time he should remain in bed. 50X1-HUM
10. " In the event that a person (belonging to Category (a) urgently needs hospitalization or medical care, his family may telephone to the Salvarea (Ambulances). However, only a man high up in the Party or in the Unions will be successful in obtaining this service. [redacted] there are only two ambulances for the entire city of Bucharest. [redacted] a female [redacted] was seriously sick and urgently needed hospital care. However, she was unable to get an ambulance, and it was only through one of the directors of the CENROCOOP (where a friend of hers worked) that an ambulance was obtained. The best way to get a person to a hospital is to pick up a taxi-cab and drive the person to the hospital. Once there, a physician, after having proof of the immediacy of the case, will approve immediate hospitalization. 50X1-HUM
11. "Only a physician from a Circa Sanitara can issue a medical prescription for Penicillin, Streptomycin and Uromicine [Aureomycin]. All other physicians - doctors in private practice or State physicians who still make some private medical calls - cannot issue medical prescriptions for these drugs. Prescriptions for all other medicines can be issued by physicians in private practice. To obtain the drugs listed above, the medical prescription must be signed and issued on stationery bearing the letterhead of the Circa Sanitara. It is possible that in order to obtain a prescription it might be necessary to win the sympathy of the physician involved or to slip him some money. Naturally, the services of the Circa Sanitara are ostensibly free. It is also possible that PMR members and other high officials obtain special favours in regard to hospitalization and prescriptions and also in regard to being sent to a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.
12. "There is a flourishing black market in drugs [presumably those listed above]. Some black market activity is carried on by patients; some by physicians. In either case, there must be an agreement between the physician and the patient. The physician issues the medical prescription and when the patient has bought the drugs, they are divided between him and the physician. Many patients having received the drugs do not use them at all and sell them for profit. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] On the black market, one gram of Streptomycin was priced at between 90-100 lei, for Penicillin, the black market price was 70-75 lei for 200,000 units (of the Merck type).

13. " In the event that a sick person is sent home by the clinic [redacted] name for this is 'ambulatorium' of the institution where he is employed, the procedure is still the same: the Circa Sanitara must be notified and all drugs and medicines must be issued only through them. 50X1-HUM
14. " The above procedure holds true for workers, clerical workers, professionals and Party members [that is, we presume, if they are in Category (a)]
15. " A person falling into Category (b) - not a State employee - finds that to have a Circa Sanitara physician call upon him or to be issued drugs or a hospitalization authorization, is an extremely slow procedure. The best approach for a person in this category (if he has money) is to call on a private physician and to buy the drugs prescribed on the black market. Any common person must be in very seriously bad health and in danger of death, before his private physician will decide to try to get him into a hospital. The success of the physician then depends on the availability of space at the hospital.
16. " Vaccinations and immunizations for children are obligatory and are carried out at the Circa Sanitaras. 50X1-HUM
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